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Thomas Chandler  
Chief, Disability Rights Office  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, Telecommunications Relay Service,  
Video Relay Services (Docket No. 98-67)

Dear Mr. Chandler:

Clay Nettles, Cheryl Moose, Bruce King, Melissa Bowhay and I, on behalf of Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. ("RID"), met today with Greg Hilbok, Traci Randolph and you. We discussed issues faced by our members including the health, safety and training of sign language interpreters. We discussed the fact that there are not sufficient numbers of interpreters to meet the market's demand as of today. We also explained that RID certification is a baseline measurement of an interpreter's proficiency and would indicate their likelihood for success as a video interpreter.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, I am submitting two copies of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daryl G. Crouse

Daryl G. Crouse  
Video Interpreting Committee Chair

Cc: Clay Nettles, Executive Director for RID